

Index Review Committee

2358. SHRI MOINUL HASSAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) when Government last appointed the Index Review Committee comprising prominent economists, representative of CSO, employers and trade unions;

(b) whether the Prime Minister in the meeting of central trade unions on August 19, 2006 assured them to set up an Index Review Committee; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) The Government last constituted Index Review Committee comprising economists, representatives of CSO, employers and trade unions under the Chairmanship of Professor Nilakantha Rath in May 1977.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Government has recently constituted on 17.11.2006, an Index Review Committee under the Chairmanship of Professor G.K. Chadha comprising two representatives each from all Central Trade Unions and all Employers' Organisation besides one representative each from Department of Economic Affairs, Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Central Statistical Organisation, State Governments of Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu with Director General, Labour Bureau as member Secretary.

Low wages in the country

2359. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite more and more investment in Asia (including India) and Pacific Zone, unemployment is increasing in our country;

(b) whether it is a fact that more than 100 million labourers earn less than two dollars a day and 1/3rd of them are compelled to work for less